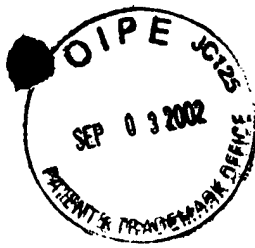


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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following for filing in connection with the above-referenced application:

1. Preliminary Amendment;
2. Check in the amount of \$207.00; and
2. A self-addressed stamped postcard, return of which is requested to acknowledge receipt of the enclosed documents.

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